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In re Application of:

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For: RADIATION DETECTION DEVICE AND
METHOD OF MAKING SAME

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form-1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form-1449. The relevance of the submitted non-English article can be understood from pages 7 and 8 of the specification.

Applicants would also like to bring the following information to the Examiner's attention.

Applicants submitted a copy of JP S63-215987 in the IDS dated January 30, 2004, along with an English-language abstract for that reference. Applicants wish to point out that, to the best of Applicants' knowledge, Applicants now believe that the structure disclosed in JP S63-215987 (see, for example, Fig. 1 of this document) was sold in the U.S. at least as early as 1990, except that the film of the structure apparently extended at least part of the way between the scintillator columns. In other words, such structure included a fiber plate, with CsI columns formed thereon, and film formed over, and extending at least part of the way between, the CsI columns. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider this information in examining the now-pending claims.

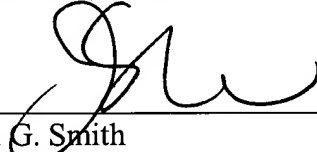
Applicants also wish to point out that other corresponding subject matter was also on sale in the U.S., but not before February 14, 1997. In this subject matter that was on sale, however, the CsI scintillator columns and covering film were formed over an image sensor, rather than just a fiber plate, and again with the film formed over, and extending at least part of the way between, the CsI columns.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	"Three Bond Technical News, pp. 1-10, September 23, 1992.

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